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## PREFACE.

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THIS book is not written primarily for advanced students in Political Science, but for the average intelligent beginner. It consists chiefly of lectures delivered to the senior class of Union College during the spring term of 1893, and is published with the hope that it may stimulate the reader to an increased interest in the problems discussed and help him, in some degree, to their right solution. The endeavor has been made to set forth in a clear and concise manner the ethical principles involved, and to show how, under present conditions and limitations, they are to be applied.

I wish here to acknowledge my special indebtedness to the writings and counsel of my friends and former instructors, ex-President Seelye of Amherst and Professor Burgess of Columbia. I have also received invaluable aid from the able articles in the recent *Cyclopedia of Political Science* edited by J. J. Lalor. The other authorities made use of are, I trust, sufficiently acknowledged in the text. A short list of easily accessible books of reference is subjoined for the benefit of those who may wish to give the subject further study.

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